

Language, Culture and Professional Training for Health & Human Services in Latino Communities:

The VCU-University of Guadalajara Partnership



A Community Forum & Reception

Thursday, December 4th, 2008
4:30-6:30pm



VCU Scott House
916 West Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Come meet **Dr. José Luís López López** (University of Guadalajara), an expert in public and community health with a focus on communities particularly affected by immigration, who will be presenting a lecture with VCU faculty members active in the Latino community.

VCU is Virginia's largest university, and is recognized nationally for its community engagement. In response to the growing needs of our changing communities, VCU offers training and development for those active in Latino outreach. Among them:

- The **VCU Office for Language and Cultural Competence (OLCC)** offers training programs, workshops, seminars, and presentations designed to introduce people to different cultures and assist them in becoming interculturally competent. **OLCC** works from a unique perspective which acknowledges the complex and systematic nature of cultural competence.
- The **VCU Division of Community Engagement** collaborates with the OLCC to provide Spanish language and culture instruction in the community.
- The **VCU Latino Mental Health Clinic** provides mental health services to the Spanish-speaking and immigrant community and valuable training opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students planning to serve today's communities
- The **Spanish/English Translation and Interpretation Certificate (SETIC) Program** gives advanced students of Spanish and English the theory, training and practice needed to meet the growing needs.

VCU's Partnership with the **University of Guadalajara** (one of the top universities in Latin America) brings a wealth of expertise and experience to central Virginia.

Please come and join us to learn more about what **VCU** offers and to share your ideas on how we can better address your professional development needs. Both the lecture and reception will be held in VCU's beautiful historic Scott House. A delicious spread of appetizers and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there!



The event is free of charge, but seating is limited. Please RSVP to Ms. Elizabeth Hiett in VCU's Office of International Education - ehiett@vcu.edu (804) 828-6846

Metered parking is available on Franklin Street and around the VCU area. There are also several VCU parking decks, the closest is the Broad Street Deck, with entrances on Harrison Street and Shafer Street.